

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS SECTION
Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects,
Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors
MINUTES
Madison, Wisconsin
January 12, 2001**

PRESENT: Harvey Shebesta, Lynda Farrar, and Terry Richards;
Nancy Sobczak (at 10:15)

STAFF PRESENT: Alfred Hall and Jan Neitzel; Division of Enforcement staff were present for portions of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Harvey Shebesta, Chair. A quorum of 3 members was present.

AGENDA

MOTION: Terry Richard moved, seconded by Lynda Farrar, to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES (11/10/00)

Two changes were made in the minutes of November 10, 2000.

1. The minutes section should be, "Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Terry Richard, to approve the minutes as published. Motion carried unanimously."
2. The hearings on denied applications for Jeffrey C. Cotton should be, "Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Terry Richard, to issue an intent to deny registration as a professional engineer for Jeffrey C. Cotton."

MOTION: Lynda Farrar moved, seconded by Terry Richard, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Secretary Cummings' Report

The Section members wished Secretary Cummings well in her upcoming retirement.

Bureau Director's Report

- Section Roster

Harvey Shebesta added his fax number to the November 2000 roster.

- 2001 Meeting Dates

Nancy Sobczak arrived at this point.

The Section noted the change from Wednesday to Thursday for the screening teleconferences.

- Regulatory Digest Working Draft for 2/01

The Section discussed the Regulatory Digest articles. Alfred Hall stated that more articles will be added before the final printing, including an article by Nancy Sobczak relating to plan stamping. Mr. Hall also suggested that an article on the recommended changes to s. 443.09(4), Stats., be included in the Digest.

- To Pass Folder

Information was circulated in the To-Pass Folder and duly noted.

- Election of Officers

Chair

MOTION: Lynda Farrar moved, seconded by Nancy Sobczak, to elect Harvey Shebesta as Chair of the Professional Engineer Section. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Lynda Farrar, to elect Terry Richard as Vice-Chair of the Professional Engineer Section. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary

MOTION: Lynda Farrar moved, seconded by Terry Richard, to elect Nancy Sobczak as Secretary of the Professional Engineer Section. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE

Further Discussion and Action on Repealing s. 443.04(1)(d), Stats., Allowing a Candidate With a 4-Year Degree Plus 8 years Experience To Qualify For Registration As A Professional Engineer Without Passing an Examination

Alfred Hall stated that at the March 2, 2001, meeting the Section will request that the bill draft to repeal s. 443.04(1)(d), Stats., proceed to the Legislature.

Terry Richard will review the bill after it is approved by the Legislature.

The Section recommended several sponsors for the bill and will contact the senators and representatives after the bill is reviewed by Terry Richard.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Alfred Hall reported that a hearing will be held April 11, 2001, to discuss the rule relating to electronic signatures.

REGISTRATION ISSUES

Discussion of Requiring Professors Teaching Engineering to be Registered as Professional Engineers

The Section discussed the proposed requirement that professors teaching engineering must be registered as professional engineers. The Section agreed that this will not be pursued at this time.

EXAMINATION ISSUES

Consideration of Exam Review Policy [s. 443.09(6)] in Light of NCEES Changes

Darwin Tichenor stated that the proposed changes by NCEES relating to the exam review policy are not consistent with the statutes of Wisconsin. NCEES will allow paper review for a temporary period of time. Thereafter, the Section would need to be responsible for paper review.

The Section agreed to continue with the paper review and requested that Darwin Tichenor keep track of the results of each exam and report to the Section at the end of one year, at which time the Section will determine if any changes will be needed.

NCEES CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

2001 Board Presidents/Member Board Administrators Assembly (12/1-3/01)

Harvey Shebesta and Jim Rusch, of the Land Surveyor Section, will attend the 2001 Board President/Member Board Administrators Assembly 12/1-3/01 in Phoenix, Arizona.

PE Civil Engineering Sample Questions and Solutions

The Section noted that NCEES will implement a new sample exam development procedure, replace the current civil engineering book with a revised version, and make amends to exam candidates who purchased the civil book.

SECTION MEMBER ACTIVITY

Nothing to report.

PRACTICE ISSUES

None.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

The Section received a copy of the January 5, 2001, NCEES News Release relating to the name change approved for Electrical PE examination. Noted.

The Section received a copy of the December 14, 2000, memo from Ted C. Fairfield, P.E., relating to committee assignments for the 2001-2002 administrative year. Noted.

The Section received a copy of the E-mail correspondence of Wayne Austin and Clyde Bryant relating to fire systems permit and will discuss this at the March 2, 2001, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Lynda Farrar moved, seconded by Nancy Sobczak, to convene the meeting in Closed Session pursuant to sections 19.85(1)(a), (b) and (f), Wis. Stats.: to consider the licensing or discipline of a person licensed by this section or the

investigation of charges against such a person. Specifically, to discuss the issue of case status reports, pending applications, stipulations, requests for reinstatement of licensure, and to hold class 1 hearings on denied applications of Lesley Mace and Daniel T. Pitts. Motion carried by a roll call vote: Lynda Farrar-yes; Terry Richard-yes; Nancy Sobczak-yes; Harvey Shebesta-yes.

Open Session recessed at 11:03 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Section deliberated on case status reports, Class 1 hearings, stipulations, reinstatement requests, and pending applications.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

By consensus, Open Session reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION

Case Status Reports

The Section received a copy of the January 8, 2001, Case Status Report.

CLASS 1 HEARINGS

Lesley Mace (Colorado Springs, CO.)

Lesley Mace did not attend the hearing.

MOTION: Terry Richard moved, seconded by Nancy Sobczak, to discuss the additional information from Lesley Mace at the March 2, 2001, Section meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Daniel T. Pitts (Milwaukee, WI.)

Daniel Pitts did not attend the hearing.

MOTION: Terry Richard moved, seconded by Nancy Sobczak, to reaffirm the denial of the application for the principles and practice of engineering examination for Daniel T. Pitts. Motion carried unanimously.

STIPULATIONS

Gary P. Grunau (Milwaukee, WI.)

MOTION: Terry Richard moved, seconded by Nancy Sobczak, to accept the Stipulation, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matters involving Gary P. Grunau. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert F. Semmens (Scottsdale, AZ.)

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Terry Richard, to accept the Stipulation, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matters involving Robert F. Semmens. Motion carried unanimously.

Harvey Shebesta is the contact person for updates and approval of the reports relating to Robert Semmens.

REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS

Richard Eschner (Shorewood, WI.)

No action will be taken relating to Richard Eschner. The Section will refer the information to the Architect Section.

Donald Kerber (Wauwatose, WI.)

MOTION: Terry Richard moved, seconded by Nancy Sobczak, to reinstate the registration of Donald Kerber. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert H. Grothman (Port Washington, WI.)

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Terry Richard, to reinstate the registration of Robert H. Grothman. Motion carried. One Section member voted no.

APPLICATION REVIEW

The Section took the following action on applications.

FOR REGISTRATION AS A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Lynda Farrar, to approve the following applications reviewed by the Section on January 12, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

- By 8-Hour Written Examination

Granted

Polich, Frank

- By approved Degree Plus 8 Years Experience

Granted

Ahmed, Hussein
Bauer, Paul
Donaldson, Eric
Groshek, Jeffery
Hosch, Richard
Keiffer, John
Marohl, Todd

McGrath, Mathew
Savoldelli, James
Schlegel, Daniel
Shrestha, Mahesh
Skowronski, Paul
Smits, Craig
Smucker, Philip

MOTION: Lynda Farrar moved, seconded Nancy Sobczak, to deny the following applications reviewed by the Section on January 12, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

- By 8-Hour Written Examination

Deny

Cotton, Jeffrey

By approved Degree Plus 8 Years Experience

Deny

Alzaim, Abdulrahman
Kassens, Tim

FOR PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING EXAMINATION

MOTION: Terry Richard moved, seconded by Nancy Sobczak, to approve the following applications reviewed by the Section on January 12, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Granted

Avolio, Paul
Bainter, John
Baughman, Angela
Bodoh, Jeffrey
Bunker, Joseph
Carlson, Monty
Cech, Michael
Cera, Ted
Chase, Wayne
Ghanem, Abed
Goel, Sanjay
Guenin, Daniel

Kuula, Neal
Koch, Stacey
Maersch, Todd
Mallon, Christopher
Mazurkiewicz, Daniel
Penner, Albert
Roesler, Todd
Ross, Jodine
Schraufnagel, Peter
Sommers, Kris
Wilfert, Sarah
Wondrachek Jr, William

MOTION: Terry Richard moved, seconded by Lynda Farrar, to deny the eligibility application for the principles and practice of engineering examination for the following applications reviewed by the Section on January 12, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Deny

Hermanson, Michael
Memon, Saud

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.